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## TIMELY TOPICS

CONTINUOUS PLANTING PAYS -- Continuous planting has been found to be a good practice. There are less weeds to fight at one time and it gives an even chance with the weather. By careful planting and intensive cultivation more vegetables can be produced, and the homemaker can take care of the preservation of these vegetables without having an overload of work during a short period. Where continuous planting method is followed special care must be given to the soil. Before each planting see that the ground has a sufficient amount of moisture and fertility and is well prepared for planting.

The Sunday school teacher had been telling a story of spring, and the miracle of the growth of the Easter lily. "Now, children," she said, "who can tell me what it is that makes the lily spring from this little bulb?" "God does it," said one little boy. Frantically, another little boy raised his hand and shouted at the top of his lungs, "Fertilizer helps!" Definitely he had a good point.

USE MULCHES TO CONTROL WEEDS AND CONSERVE MOISTURE AND SAVE HOEING -- This practice is especially good in most areas of central and western Kansas.

SEE THAT THE PRESSURE COOKER IS IN GOOD REPAIR -- In most counties the Home Demonstration Agent is willing to test the gauge free of charge. It certainly is a waste of time to can food and have it spoil.

WHEN CANNED FOOD MOLDS -- Even in the best of households canned foods sometimes mold. It isn't a pleasant surprise to open up a jar of canned fruit or vegetables and find that the surface has a film of mold. And perhaps you wonder why that particular jar went astray. Chances are the food was not canned correctly or sealed tightly. Mold on fruits and tomatoes, according to the food specialists' reports, as a rule is nothing to worry about. However, never use vegetables or meats which have become moldy. Spoilage of this kind can be very dangerous.

WATCH FOR PLANT DISEASES AND INSECTS -- Watch for the first signs of diseases and insects and destroy them before they get a head start. A good reference on what to use is "Home and Garden Pest Control", published by Extension Service, Kansas State College, 1952 revision, No. 13.

STAKING TOMATOES -- Staking tomatoes helps keep the fruit and more of the vine up and away from the soil and aids in control of the many fruit rots and foliage spot diseases. It also makes spraying of the plant much easier for insect and disease control.

